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**Applicants:** Rey T. Chern, *et al.*

**Serial No.:** 09/271,098

**Case No.:** 20023Y

**Filed:** March 18, 1999

**For:** LIQUID POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS FOR  
CONTROLLED RELEASE OF BIOACTIVE  
SUBSTANCES

**Art Unit:**

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**Examiner:**  
Sharareh, S.

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The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION  
AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension to March 5, 2002, of the deadline to respond to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, for the above-identified application. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) should be charged to Deposit Account 13-2755.


In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully request continued prosecution of the above-identified application. A Continued Prosecution Application request is enclosed herewith. A Preliminary Amendment is forthcoming. The

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Examiner is respectfully requested to delay examination until such Amendment is received. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned prior to commencing examination if such Preliminary Amendment is absent from the file at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: March 5, 2003